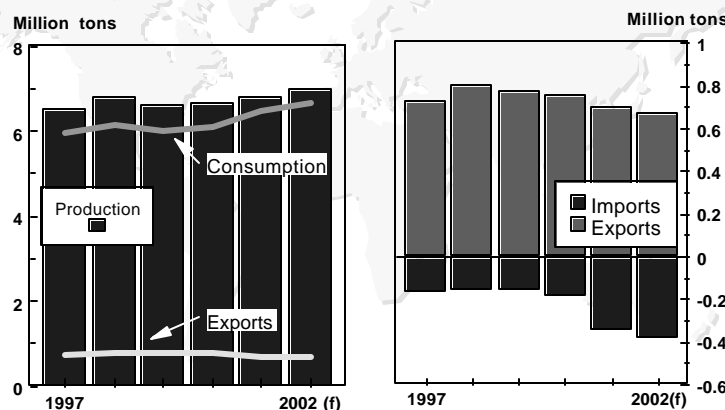


# European Union's Broiler Situation

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001(p)	2002 (f)
(1,000 tons ready to cook equivalent)						
Production	6,539	6,789	6,614	6,654	6,822	6,970
Imports	165	155	164	190	350	380
Consumption	5,968	6,141	6,002	6,080	6,473	6,675
Exports	736	803	776	764	699	675

## EU Exports of Broiler Meat Fall While Imports Grow



EU exports of broiler meat in 2002 are projected to continue their downward trend. The decline is mainly due to lower exports of whole birds to the Middle East, which were not price competitive even with export refunds, and a higher-than-usual share of production being consumed domestically. Broiler imports in 2002 are projected to increase by nearly 9 percent, largely due to competitive broiler imports from Brazil and Thailand. EU broiler consumption is forecast to increase from the previous year by 3 percent. Broiler production growth in 2002 is forecast to slow to 2 percent as consumers demand for beef products strengthens.